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1. THERE ARE TWO PARTS IN THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE
FO-DGB COMMUNIQUE, WHICH ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THE
FRENCH VERSION AS PROVIDED IN REFTEL, THAT MAY BE OF
INTEREST TO AMEMBASSY PARIS AND THE DEPARTMENT.

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2. IN PARAGRAPH (C), THE GERMAN VERSION WELCOMING THE ELECTION OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE HAS A SOMEWHAT EXPANDED VERSION OF THIS PHRASE "WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE REBIRTH OF A LARGE PUBLIC OPINION MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POLITICALLY UNITED (SIC) EUROPE". COMMENT: THIS GERMAN VERSION EMPHASIS ON SUPPORT OF THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION OF EUROPE REPRESENTS A LONG STANDING DGB POLICY GOAL.

3. IN PARAGRAPH (D), THE DGB VERSION ALSO CONTAINS AN ADDITIONAL PHRASE ON THE FO-DGB AGREEMENT ON THEIR "BASIC CONCEPTIONS OF A TRADE UNIONISM BASED ON INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM", ADDING THAT "THESE PRINCIPLES SHALL NOT ONLY BE APPLIED TO THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS BUT SHALL BE EXTENDED TO THE LEVEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD."

4. COMMENT: VETTER'S REMARKS STRESSING DGB OPPOSITION TO THE AFFILIATION OF THE FRENCH CGT TO THE ETUC IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH BERGERON AND LAVAL REFLECT THE SAME VIEW HE AND OTHER DGB LEADERS SUCH AS METALWORKERS PRESIDENT EUGEN LODERER AND THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FIET, GUENTER STEPHAN, HAVE EXPRESSED ON NUMEROUS PAST PUBLIC OCCASIONS AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LABOR ATTACHE. THE PARALLEL PUBLIC VIEWS OF THE FO AND THE DGB ON THEIR BASIC CONCEPTS OF TRADE UNIONISM IN THIS COMMUNIQUE ALSO REFLECT DGB POLICY EXPRESSED DURING AND AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE ETUC. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT, FOR THE MOST PART, THE DGB AND THE FO HAVE BEEN ALLIES ON MOST OF THE ISSUES ARISING WITHIN THE ETUC.
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